to the Management that they should establish a well equipped hospital complete with all facilities in thte first instance.

2913. *[Transferred to* th$_e$ 20th *August,* 1992].

Prevention of asthama

2914. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-.

(a) whether Government's attention ha$_s$ been drawn to the article which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 4th July, 1992 by Neelam Mathews on the subject of Asthama;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) th$_e$ number of people who are affected by Asthama State-wise and sax-wise, including children indicating the loss of productivity of these affected persons;

(d) whether any surveys have been conducted and results tabulated for ready reference and use by our various R and D' units and if so, salient features thereof; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to educate th$_e$ people on the preventive side and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THAR A DEVI SIDDHART-HA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No statistics are specifically maintained regarding th$_e$ Asthama patients in the country. However, a statement showing cases and deaths due to Bronchitis, chronic and unspecified emphysema and Asthama in various States/UT$_S$ of India during the years 1987 to 1090 is enclosed as Annexure. [See Appendix CLXIV, Annexur© No. 46]. Patients who seek treatment are guided about the pfe- cautions to be taken to prevent asthama from causative agents and allergens.

नकली औषधि घोटाला

2915. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अखिल भारतीय आयु-विज्ञान संस्थान में हुए नकली औषधि घोटाले की जांच करने के लिए नियुक्त की गई तकनीकी समिति ने सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) से (ग) जांच अभी चल रही है ।

Kala Azar in Bihar

2916. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHE-SHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Kala Azar in Bihar has been on the rise;

(b) if so, what is th$_e$ number of mortality and morbidity during the past three years, State-wise;

(c) whether available health facilities have failed to arrest the spread of this disease if so, what are the specific reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the measures taken/ proposed to be taken to improve the availability of medicines and prevention of the epidemic?